



March 2021

Water Bill information BULLETIN

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Enclosed is your water bill for the months of January and February 2021. If your water bill indicates a balance forward, it's important to note that interest has been calculated to the current billing date. Interest will be applied at 1.25% on the first day of each month thereafter. For your convenience, your water bill can be paid in the comfort of your home through online banking.

Please contact the Water Clerk at (705) 429-3844 ext. 2245 if you experience any of the following:

- If the property was **occupied** during this billing cycle but both the **Previous and Current Read are the same**.
- If the current bill reflects 'Flat Rate Residential' water/sewer rates.



**E-RECEIPTS
AND BILLING**

The town is also offering paperless water and tax bills.

Sign up for e-billing and receive your bills via e-mail. If you would like to sign up for this option please e-mail ebilling@wasagabeach.com and include the following:

- 1 The subject line should state the municipal property address, starting with the street name. For example, Main Street 123.
- 2 The body of the e-mail should state your name and phone number.
- 3 The e-mail must come from the e-mail address you want the bill sent to.

If you have questions, call us at 705-429-3844.

Mayor's Message

March is a transitional month as winter begins to ease its grip.

We start to look forward to more daylight and know that while there might be some snowy days ahead, the bulk of winter is behind us.

I don't know about you, but I am certainly looking forward to spring and all that the new season brings.

We continue to see progress on a number of fronts in our town and that is my focus with this latest message to you.

For starters, work continues on our new twin-pad arena and library project. Council recently approved a process to short-list general contractors for the work. A Request for Pre-qualification of General Contractors exercise will take place in April with a recommended shortlist of general contractors to be approved by council in May. We then plan to issue the construction tender at the end of May so we can have a contractor in place for construction to start in August.

We are also starting to review proposals for town-owned land at the beachfront. Council anticipates the selection of preferred developers will take place in April and that the approval of developers and their specific projects will happen in July. Watch our website and social media channels for updates as this project continues.

Not long ago, our council agreed to enter the town into a joint-use recreation facility agreement with the Simcoe County District School Board. This means we will share recreation space at the new elementary school the board plans to build in the Sunnidale Trails subdivision. The town's capital contribution is \$1.5-million. The new facility will offer a number of amenities, including a double-gym, multi-purpose room, kitchenette, washrooms, and portable



stage for use by the community. The partnership represents good value for residents and is another way the town is moving forward. The new school is set to open in September 2023 along with the community centre.

A few weeks ago, we welcomed a new pumper truck into the Wasaga Beach Fire Department fleet. The vehicle replaces another truck at the end of its lifespan. We invested \$615,000 in this new pumper, which will provide fire suppression services when needed, helping keep our community safe. Our firefighters provide a valuable and important service and it is essential they have the tools they need for the job.

On the construction front, this will be another busy year. A report from our planning staff indicates work will start on developments that will be home to 2,000 new homes. We expect commercial projects to happen this year, too, including a new A&W restaurant on 45th Street and a Wendy's at Mosley and 28th Streets. Our affordability and lifestyle is attractive to builders, homeowners, and new businesses and that is a key reason we continue to see significant building activity.

Speaking of businesses, Zancor is planning to move forward with development of our business park. A few weeks ago, council authorized staff to start discussions on this file with the development firm. Stay tuned.

Gateway Casinos and Entertainment Ltd. indicates it remains committed

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Water conservation rebates are available!

The Town of Wasaga Beach has a water conservation rebate program.

When you install a low flow or dual flush toilet you are eligible for a \$70 rebate.

Residents who install a rain barrel can get a \$30 rebate.

Please note that only property owners on municipal water are eligible for the rebate. You can find rebate forms at www.wasagabeach.com or pick one up at town hall at 30 Lewis St.

Applicants must include copies of receipts indicating that they purchased the particular item. Completed forms and supporting documentation can be presented at town hall.

The rebate will be applied to your next water bill.

Meeting agendas

Visit our website at www.wasagabeach.com to learn about upcoming meetings of council and committees.

You can even subscribe to receive notifications of new agendas ready for viewing.

Our website also includes minutes of past meetings.

Questions about a meeting? Call our Clerk's Department at 705-429-3844 ext. 2224.

Get recreation program information

Our website at www.wasagabeach.com is a great way to learn about recreation programs offered through the town.

Visit our website, click on the 'Explore and Discover' link and then the 'Recreation and Programs' link.

If you have questions, call us at 705-429-3321. Staff are happy to help.

Water Billing Schedule:

Due Date:	Billing Period:
April 21	January – February
June 21	March – April
August 21	May – June
October 21	July – August
December 21	September – October
February 21	November – December

Mayor's Message continued...

to building in Wasaga Beach, once the company has recovered from the impact of the pandemic. We look forward to this new facility and the jobs it will bring.

Later this month, our new transit portal will go live on our website at www.wasagabeach.com. Through the portal, you will be able to renew your transit card online, setup automatic reloading, and manage multiple transit cards on behalf of family members. This is a great new customer service feature we are

happy to introduce.

That's all for now. But stay in touch with us through our website and social media channels. Visit our website and sign up for The Monthly Report, our e-newsletter we produce every 30 days.

Stay safe and I look forward to updating you again soon.

Sincerely,

Nina Bifolchi,
Mayor.

COVID-19 vaccine rollout information

Looking for information about the COVID-19 vaccine rollout in our region?

Visit the Simcoe-Muskoka District Health Unit website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org and click on the COVID-19 link.

The page contains the latest on the vaccine rollout. The site is the best source for this type of information.



Are you looking for information about programs and services in the community?

Check out www.211ontario.ca online or telephone 2-1-1.

211 is a trustworthy source for information and services to deal with life's challenges.

You can access 211's services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Convenience credit card payments

Through the town's website using PlastiQ (third party), you can pay your property tax and/or water/wastewater bill by Visa, Mastercard, or American Express.

There will be a service fee of 2.5

percent applied by the servicer provider, PlastiQ.

Please note that there are several low or no-cost means of paying your bill with The Town of Wasaga Beach. These include equal payment plan, telephone banking, mailing a cheque, or placing a payment in our drop box.

Visit our Build Wasaga portal

Check out our Build Wasaga portal at www.wasagabeach.com.

Visit the website, click on 'Business and Development' and then 'Build Wasaga'.

The portal contains the latest on a variety of community development projects. Get information on beachfront redevelopment, the twin-pad arena and library project, the casino project, Sunnidale Trails development, and much more.

We're moving Wasaga Beach forward and these pages help showcase the ways our community is growing.